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Cold Storage Facility at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in the country through which export and import of fruits and vegetables take place;

(b) the number of airports at which the cold storage facility is available;

(c) whether the farmers and traders living in South Gujarat take benefit of Air India and other airline services to export fruits particularly mango and chikoo to other States and foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): The export and import of fruit and vegetables takes place through 18 airports in the country. It includes 13 airports managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI), Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi; Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru; Cochin International Airport, Cochin, Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai and Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad.

(b) The cold storage facility is available at 19 airports. It includes 14 airports managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI), Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi; Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru; Cochin International Airport, Cochin, Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai and Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad.

(c): Yes Madam. Farmers & traders of South Gujarat do take advantage of Air India and other airline services for exporting mangoes and chickoo to foreign countries.

(d): Out of the total fruits and vegetable exports from Ahmadabad airport, 70 Million Tonnes (MT) in 2013-14, 33 MT in 2014-15, and 15 MT in 2015-16 originated from South Gujarat-mainly Mango and Chikoo.